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Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to juveniles; to create the Juvenile Detention
- 2 and Probation Services Implementation Team; to provide
- 3 duties; to provide a termination date; and to declare an
- 4 emergency.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1                   Section 1.     (1) The Juvenile Detention and Probation  
2 Services Implementation Team is created. The members of the team  
3 shall include:

4                   (1) Three county commissioners or supervisors, one from  
5 each congressional district;

6                   (2) Three law enforcement officers, one from each  
7 congressional district;

8                   (3) Three probation officers, one from each congressional  
9 district;

10                  (4) Three Department of Health and Human Service  
11 Protection and Safety field staff, one from each congressional  
12 district;

13                  (5) Three judges, one from each congressional district;

14                  (6) Three county attorneys or public defenders, one from  
15 each congressional district;

16                  (7) Three community youth service agency representatives,  
17 one from each congressional district;

18                  (8) Three juvenile detention or holdover facility  
19 directors, one from each congressional district;

20                  (9) One representative from the Nebraska Commission on  
21 Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice;

22                  (10) Two at-large members;

23                  (11) The State Probation Administrator, or his or her  
24 designee;

25                  (12) The administrators of the Department of Health and  
26 Human Services Protection and Safety Division, or the designee of  
27 such administrators; and

28                  (13) Two state senators appointed by the Executive Board

1 of the Legislative Council, or designated staff of such senators.

2           The Governor shall appoint the members in subdivisions  
3 (1) through (10) of this section and shall appoint a chairperson  
4 for the task force. Appointments shall be made within ninety days  
5 after the effective date of this act. Members shall be reimbursed  
6 for their expenses pursuant to sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The  
7 University of Nebraska at Omaha, College of Public Affairs and  
8 Community Service shall provide administrative and technical  
9 support for the implementation team and shall produce the final  
10 report.

11           Sec. 2.     The Juvenile Detention and Probation Services  
12 Implementation Team shall:

13           (1) Review decision-making practices associated with  
14 juvenile detention and recommend needed system changes;

15           (2) Recommend a screening and risk assessment instrument  
16 or instruments to be used statewide in all juvenile detention  
17 decisions;

18           (3) Develop a plan for regional secure juvenile detention  
19 facilities and detention services and recommend a funding strategy;

20           (4) Develop standards for juvenile diversion services  
21 throughout the state;

22           (5) Analyze juvenile probation caseload, review the  
23 structure of juvenile probation supervision, evaluate staffing  
24 ratios, and recommend needed system changes;

25           (6) Provide an appropriation request for expenses of team  
26 members and the hiring of consultant services; and

27           (7) Submit a final report to the Governor and the  
28 Legislature.

1                   Sec. 3.     The Juvenile Detention and Probation Services  
2   Implementation Team and sections 1 to 3 of this act terminate on  
3   June 1, 2002.

4                   Sec. 4.   Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect  
5   when passed and approved according to law.